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IRAN—GLOBAL THREAT REQUIRING GLOBAL ACTION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, the global threat of Iran's nuclear program is growing every day. The luxury of time has vanished and the need for Congressional action is absolute.

What we already knew about the Iranian nuclear program, compounded with the recent revelations of an additional uranium enrichment facility outside of Tehran and Iran's continued testing of long-range missiles, only continues to build on an already disturbing scenario.

The Iranian regime is furiously building its nuclear program and threatening anyone who walks the streets of Paris, Beijing, London and New York. Every day that goes by without weakening the regime or its ambitions, the world becomes less safe. We MUST act now.

I wholeheartedly support increased sanctions and divestment efforts and hope the U.S. Congress responds immediately to provide these critical tools to the President.

The United States needs to show strong leadership to show the world that we are serious in taking down this imminent threat from Iran. U.S. actions should be matched by other world leaders—especially Russia and China.

Iran's potential peril to the world is global, so too should be the response.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Conference Report accompanying H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: Conference Report accompanying H.R. 2997

Account: ARS, Salaries and expenses account, \$1,293,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University, Auburn, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 102 Samford Hall, Auburn, Alabama 36849

Description of Request: "Improved Crop Production Practices" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that this funding will provide \$1,293,000 to develop and assist in

adopting cropping systems that reduce production cost primarily by reducing the need for nitrogen fertilizer, pesticides, fuel, and equipment. Federal funding would allow the program to expand reniform nematode research throughout the State, develop more intense mature management research that includes bioenergy crops, and expand research on the development of alternative substrates for nursery crop production. Current and future profitability of agronomic based crop production in Alabama is dependent on the research and outreach efforts. Use of precision technologies associated with these studies have resulted in practices that saves fuel, herbicides, and fertilizers and protects Alabama's vital natural resources. The project's total budget is \$8,874,000. Specifically within the budget, \$1,298,734 will go toward permanent personnel salaries, \$360,760 for research expense, and \$240,500 for equipment. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Agricultural Research Service, ARS Account. Auburn University will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

HONORING RODNEY B. LEWIS ON HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER—

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to praise and reflect upon the career of an outstanding attorney and community leader, Rodney B. Lewis. I would also like to congratulate Rod on recently being honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Native American Bar Association of Arizona.

Rod Lewis comes from a family dedicated to serving the Native American community in Arizona. Rod is one of three sons born to the late Reverend Roe B. Lewis and Sallie Lewis. He and his brothers, John and Robert, grew up on the Gila River Indian Reservation. All three attended college and graduate school and each has devoted their careers to the service of Indian tribes and Indian people. In fact, John is the Executive Director of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona.

Rod earned his bachelor's degree from Trinity College in San Antonio, Texas. While in college, Rod participated in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and upon graduation was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Rangers, ultimately obtaining the rank of first lieutenant upon discharge from the Army. Rod earned his master's degree from Arizona State University in 1969 and went on to law school at the University of California Los Angeles. Upon graduating with his JD in 1972, Rod returned to the Gila River Indian Community to serve as the tribal attorney for the Community and to raise a family. He and his wife Willardene have three children and five grandchildren.

Rod has had an extraordinary legal career. He was the first Native American to pass the Arizona Bar Exam and be licensed to practice

law in Arizona. He was also the first Native American lawyer to argue a case before the United States Supreme Court. Shortly after law school, Rod faced an effort by the State of Arizona to tax the sale of tractors to the Gila River Indian Community farms. Rod fought this effort and prevailed in a 5 to 4 Supreme Court decision. The Central Machinery v. Arizona State Tax Commission decision continues to stand as the definitive case recognizing the right of Indian tribes to operate beyond the taxing authority of states.

Rod served as the General Counsel of the Gila River Indian Community for more than 30 years. For much of his tenure as General Counsel, Rod led the battle to secure the water rights of the Gila River Indian Community. Rod worked tirelessly in litigating and ultimately negotiating the single largest Indian water rights settlement in the history of the United States. This settlement resulted in the return of 653,000 acre-feet of water to the "River People" of the Gila River Indian Community and \$200 million to construct a system to deliver water to the reservation.

Rod Lewis has dedicated his life to being a champion for the Gila River Indian Community. He is a genuine trailblazer who has broken down barriers and served as a role model for a new generation of Native American lawyers. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Rod for his distinguished career and outstanding leadership and thank him for being my friend.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit the following request:

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

Bill Number: Conference Report to H.R. 3183, FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Solana Beach

Address of Requesting Entity: 635 South Highway 101, Solana Beach, CA, USA 92075

I received \$305,000 to complete the feasibility study for the Solana Beach-Encinitas Shoreline Protection Project. The protective beaches throughout the Solana Beach area are severely eroded, leaving residences, portions of Highway 101, and public access points susceptible to dangerous wave attack and beachgoers subject to falling rocks as bluffs are destabilized by erosion. This Shore Protection Project will build up the protective beaches along the coast, preserving public access, recreational areas, and as well as public infrastructure and private homes.